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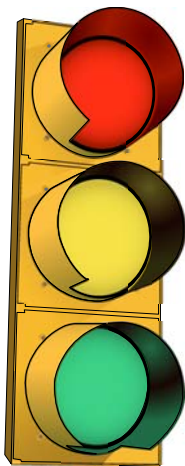
## *October Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 21.0 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS)*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Hospitals and providers billing outpatient services to Medicare intermediaries that are not paid under the OPPS

### Provider Action Needed



#### **STOP – Impact to You**

This article includes information from Change Request (CR) 4009, which informs your Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) that the October 2005 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (Non-OPPS OCE) specifications have been updated with new additions, deletions, and changes to ensure correct billing.

#### **CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

CR4009 includes diagnosis codes and descriptions that have been reviewed and approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which are the same code and description changes specified for the Medicare Code Editor (MCE), v22.0.

#### **GO – What You Need to Do**

Please see the *Background* section of this article for more information on these Non-OPPS OCE updates.

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## Background

The Non-OPPS OCE has been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition (HCPCS/CPT-4) codes. This OCE is used to process bills from hospitals not paid under the OPPS. The number and types of changes are numerous and can be found in the published version of CR4009. This may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R644CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

**Note:** Because the list is extensive, we are referring providers to the actual CR4009 rather than list all the codes within this article.

The October release of the non-OPPS OCE is Version 21.0. Please be aware that many of the changes are effective on October 1, 2005. However, some changes are effective on other dates as shown in CR4009.

## Implementation

The implementation date for this version of the non-OPPS OCE is October 3, 2005.

## Additional Information

If you have questions regarding this issue, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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